

example, if you have got a son or a daughter 14 years of age, they have to have your permission to go out and sell their blood but they don't need your permission to donate it. And if your daughter is under 14, she cannot get her ears pierced, but if she is over 14, she can get her ears pierced without your permission. So there is a whole list of different age groups that we have of when a minor is within their legal rights and when they are not. And in this case, the argument that I used last year and again this year when I presented my bill, Senator Vickers, was because the police department as the Judiciary Committee was told last year had lost so many child pornography cases because different accused would come before the judge and say, gee, your honor, she looked 14 to...16 to me. So on the advice of the county attorney and the police department last year I tried to raise the age to the federal statute of 18 for child pornography but the Judiciary Committee would not raise it. And my argument was it is pretty tough to say a 14-year old looks 18, whereas a 14 year old could be made up pretty much easier to look 16, that was my main reason for it. The fact of the matter is the federal statute set it at 18 and last year the Judiciary Committee did not want to go along with that but this year somehow they have obtained more wisdom and now they are going along with it, and I would urge you to accept it also. And if you would like, I have a whole case list of different ages that are legal for minors in Nebraska that are just ridiculous. Thank you, Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Thank you, Senator Higgins. Is there further discussion on the committee amendments? Senator Hoagland, do you wish to close? The motion is to adopt the Judiciary Committee amendments to LB 788. All those in favor vote aye, opposed vote nay. Please record your vote on the adoption of the committee amendments to LB 788. Have you all voted? Record the vote.

CLERK: 25 ayes, 0 nays on adoption of committee amendments.

PRESIDENT: Committee amendments are adopted. Now we are on the bill. Senator Hoagland, do you wish to...excuse me, Senator Abboud, that is your bill.

SENATOR ABOUD: Mr. President, colleagues, we have gotten into a little bit of the discussion of the bill in dealing with the committee amendments. The bill was brought to me